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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADB REGIONAL SEMINAR ON FORESTRY AND FOREST
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1. EMBASSY DACCA ENDORSES PROPOSED ADB SEMINAR ON APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY ON FORESTRY AND FOREST INDUSTRIES.
2. BANGLADESH IS ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP ITS FORESTRY RESOURCES FOR LOCAL AND EXPORT SALES AND TO PROMOTE PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS OF PROCESSED WOODS AND FURNITURE AND PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS. IN FY 76-77 TOTAL PRODUCTION OF FOREST INDUSTRIES WAS ONLY \$24 MILLION BUT FY 78-80 TWO-YEAR PLAN PROJECTS A FOURFOLD INCREASE IN PRODUCTION. EXPORTS OF FOREST PRODUCTS ARE NOW NEGLIGIBLE BUT BDG HOPES TO DEVELOP FOREIGN MARKETS FOR TIMBER, ESPECIALLY HARDWOODS, AND WOOD PRODUCTS. STATE-OWNED BANGLADESH FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IS CURRENTLY SEEKING PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTOR PARTICIPATION IN FORESTRY PROJECTS IN THE CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS AND SUNDERBANS REGION. SWEDEN HAS GIVEN A \$12.5 MILLION GRANT FOR FORESTRY

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PROJECTS IN THE CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS AREA WHERE ADB'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT (REFS B AND C) WILL STUDY OVERALL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

2. SINCE BANGLADESH FORESTRY AND WOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES ARE SMALL AND UNDER DEVELOPED, TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION IN THE ADB SEMINAR WOULD BE

VERY USEFUL TO A BANGLADESHI PARTICIPANT. BANGLADESH
VIEWS WOOD PROCESSING AS AN AGRO-INDUSTRY WITH SIGNIFI-
CANT EXPORT AND EMPLOYMENT POTENTIAL. EMPLOYMENT IMPLI-
CATIONS OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IN THIS FIELD WOULD BE
OF SPECIAL INTEREST. EMPHASIS ON CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGY
WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL SINCE BANGLADESH'S LIMITED FOREST
RESERVES ARE SUBJECT TO MISUSE BY EXPANDING POPULATION.
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